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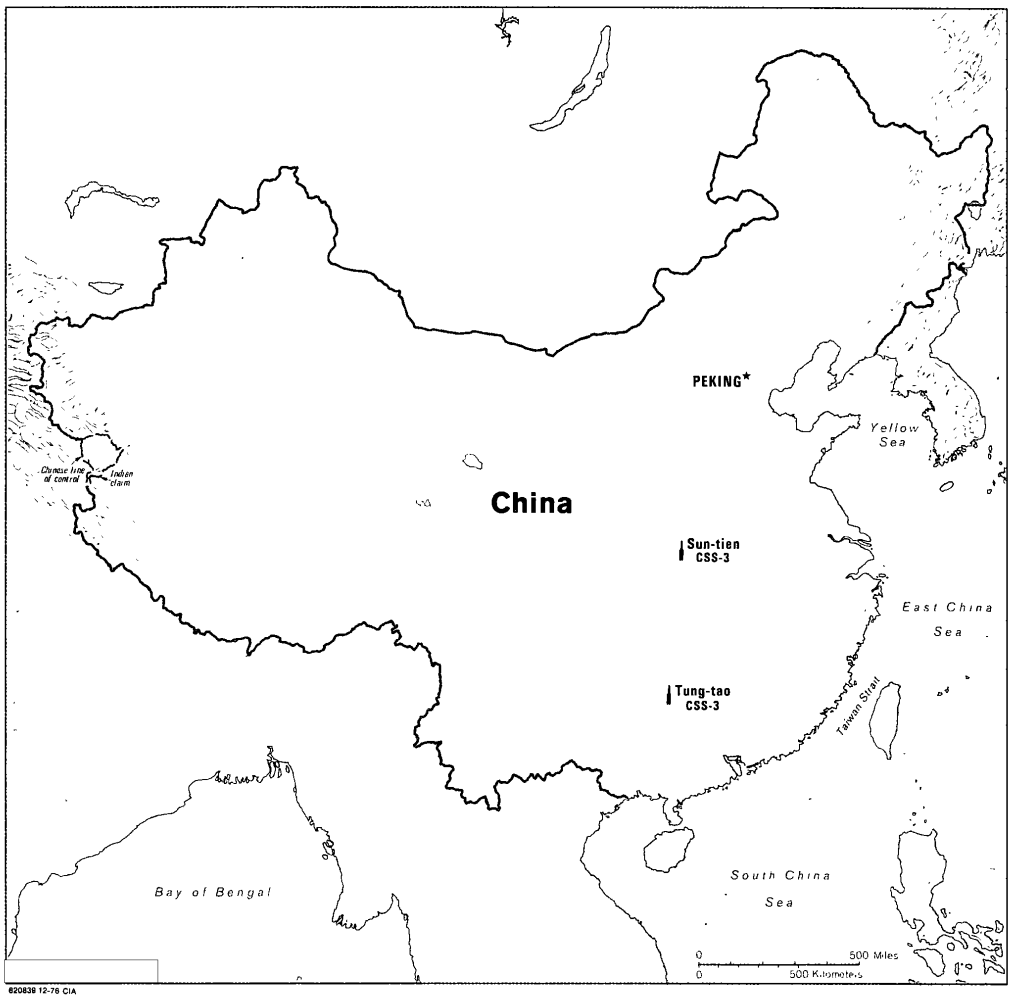

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CHINA: *Recent satellite photography shows that the Chinese are building what appear to be two ICBM silos in central China. The silos are in an early stage of construction, but work is progressing rapidly.*

The Chinese have been developing two ICBMs--the CSS-3 and CSS-X-4--for deployment in silos, but we cannot yet determine which missile will be placed in the new silos.

The more likely candidate is the CSS-3, a missile with a range of 3,600 nautical miles that just became operational within the past year. China has only two operational silos for the CSS-3--one at Sun-tien and the other at Tung-tao. The Chinese this year twice successfully test-fired the missile--the first CSS-3 launches in nearly five years.

We cannot rule out the longer range CSS-X-4 as a candidate for the new silos, but the case for that missile is weaker. The Chinese have used the CSS-X-4 as a booster for all six of their space shots during the past year and a half, but it has not been successfully tested as a ballistic missile since 1971.

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Rioting in South African black townships near Cape Town over the Christmas holiday weekend followed patterns set in earlier violent outbreaks.

Students in two townships, in a continuing effort to organize a sustained anti-government campaign, proposed that the Christmas weekend be used to mourn those who had died in earlier riots. When the students tried to enforce their call for action, the resistance of some black workers led to violence. Clashes left some 24 dead and nearly 100 wounded.

The student action in the Cape Town townships seemed less well organized than efforts last August in Soweto to enforce a worker boycott and appears to be subsiding.

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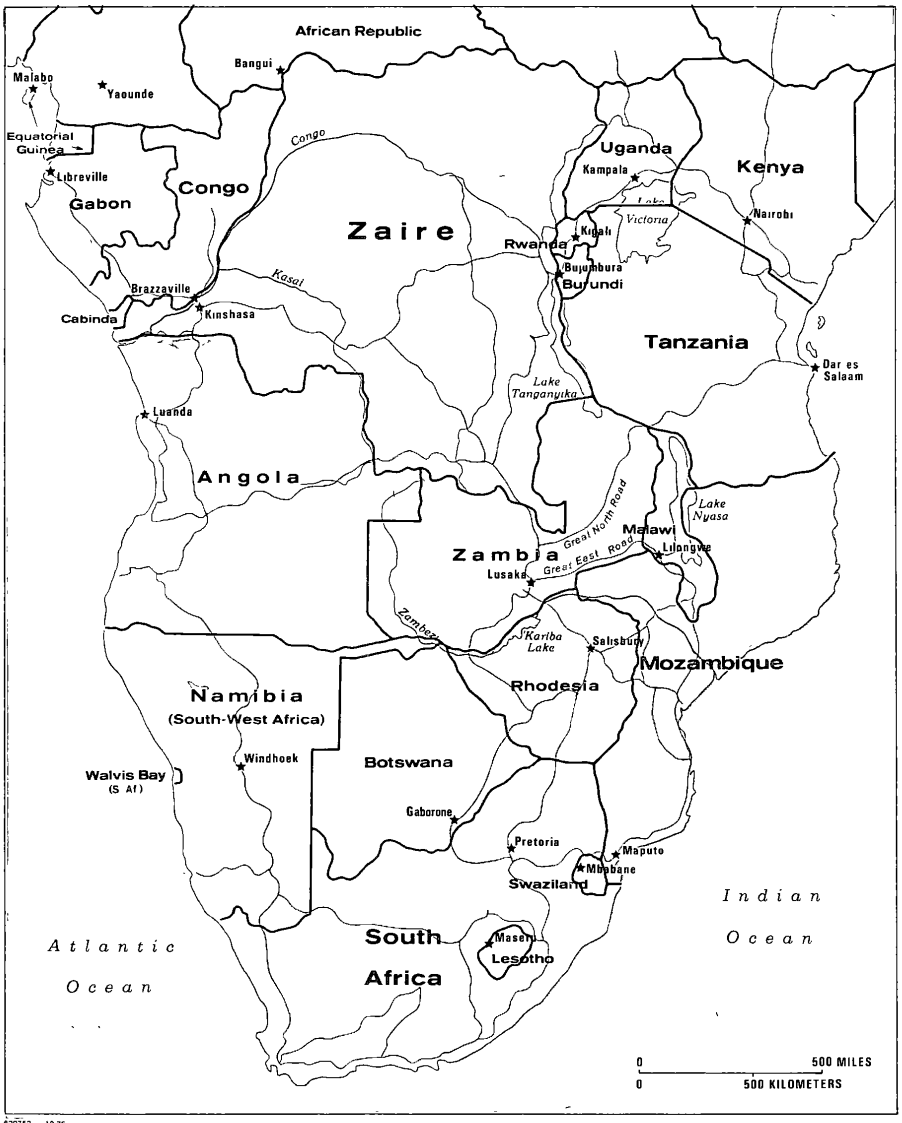

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The South African police intervened quickly. Earlier government sweeps through the townships to pick up student leaders probably also contributed to the students' inability to carry through their attempted action.

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A raid by Rhodesian *security forces into* Mozambique *in mid-December inflicted a dozen or more casualties on a* Tanzanian *army unit,*

This is the first evidence we have seen of Tanzanian casualties in the Rhodesian guerrilla war. The Tanzanians have had a small contingent helping to guard the guerrilla camps in Mozambique and recently increased this force to perhaps 2,000 men. 25X1

The Rhodesian security force may not have known the Tanzanians were there, or may not have made any distinction between Tanzanians, Mozambicans--who also guard the camps--and guerrillas.

As a result of the Rhodesian raid, which involved several airplanes and helicopters, the Tanzanian troops are asking for air defense weapons, especially SA-7 surface-to-air missiles. The authorization of the use of such a weapon by Tanzania would represent a considerable increase in its involvement in the Rhodesian guerrilla effort.

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